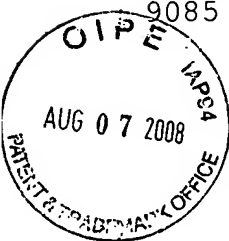


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Dear Sir:

Please enter the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement in the file of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The instant application is a continuation of U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/803,681, filed on March 12, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,718,888, issued on April 13, 2004. U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/803,681 claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/196,127, filed on Apr. 11, 2000.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the following patents and patent applications are brought to the attention of the examiner:

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U.S. Patent Documents

7,037,576	Willham et al.
2008/0141912	Valentinsson
2008/0143514	Valentinsson

The relevance of the above-identified patents and patent application is discussed below.

U.S. Patent No. 7,037,576 is not prior art. However, it is included in this disclosure statement because it includes the following paragraph:

However, polyester or copolyester/polyolefin laminate structures having tie layers made from EVA-containing materials exhibit poor flammability properties because EVA is a highly flammable material. This property limits the use of EVA as a tie layer for structures where low flammability is required, such as in cruise ship and aircraft interiors and in office and building interiors. Materials for use in these locations require that building materials pass one or more flame tests such as ASTM D 635 (Burning Rate of Self-Supporting Plastics in a Horizontal Position), UL 94 (Flammability of Plastic Materials for Parts in Devices and Appliances) and ASTM E 84 (Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials).

Col. 1, line 62 - Col. 2, line 8.

U. S. Patent Publication Nos. 2008/0141912 and 2008/0143514 are not prior art. However, they are included in this statement because each document states:

[f]urthermore, the problem arises in the case of plastic pallets that plastic is flammable such that, in the event of fire, toxic gases can develop.

U.S. Patent Publication No. 2008/0141912 A1 ¶ 3; U.S. Patent Publication No. 2008/0143514 A1 ¶ 3.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2), no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a

counterpart foreign application. Further, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

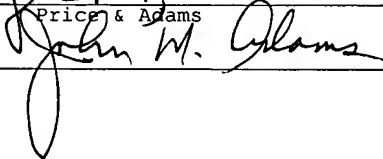
It is submitted that the above-enumerated references, taken singly or in any combination, do not disclose or suggest the elements as defined by Applicant's claims 11-27. Accordingly, allowance of claims 11-27 over the above-identified references is respectfully requested.

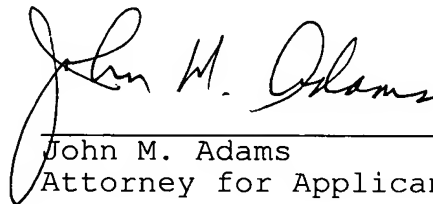
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